

EGYPT: Additional Unrest

The attacks yesterday by Islamic fundamentalists on three police stations in the town of Asyut suggest that Vice President Moubarek's government will face a continuing challenge from extramist terrorists.

were killed in the attacks. The terrorists reportedly include members of the Takfir wal-Hijrah group that was linked to the assassins of President Sadat. Additional security forces have been sent from Cairo to Asyut.

Asyut is a traditional center of fundamentalist strength and has often been the scene of Muslim-Coptic clashes in the past. Cairo and Alexandria remain calm, and Egyptian security forces are mobilizing to prevent any outbreaks of violence in the capital during the funeral tomorrow.

The violence in Asyut indicates that the regime has failed to neutralize the clandestine Islamic fringe, despite recent arrests of Takfir members. The government appears to have underestimated the strength of the Islamic opposition and additional terrorist attacks seem likely.

Nonetheless, there is no indication that extremist fundamentalists have gained extensive popular backing or have undermined the loyalty of significant elements of the military. Although Libyan media continue to call for a popular uprising against Moubarek, most Egyptians seem to have accepted the legitimacy of the new government. The largest Islamic organization, the Muslim Brotherhood, reportedly has decided to adopt a wait-and-see approach to the Moubarek regime.

Saudi leaders, although saddened by Sadat's death, apparently will not send any official message of condolence or a representative to the funeral.

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The list of dignituries named so far to head funeral delegations includes:

Argentina

Foreign Minister Camilion

Australia

Deputy Prime Minister Anthony

Belgium

King Baudouin

Foreign Minister Nothomb

Brazil

Joint Chiefs of Staff Member Werner

Canada

Governor General Schreyer

China

Vice Premier Ji

Denmark :

Prince Henrick

Foreign Minister Olesen

France

President Mitterrand

Foreign Minister Cheysson

Indonesia

Minister of Religion Prawiranregara

Israel

Prime Minister Begin

Italy

President Pertini

Foreign Minister Colombo

Japan

Foreign Minister Sonoda

Liberia

Chief of State Doe

Netherlands

Prince Claus

Foreign Minister Van Der Stoel

Norway

Crown Prince Harald

Prime Minister Brundtland

Oman

Deputy Prime Minister Bu Sa'id

Portugal

Assembly Speaker General Eanes

Spain

Foreign Minister Perez Llorca

Sudan

President Nimeiri

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Prime Minister Falldin

United Kingdom

Prince Charles

Lord Carrington

Ureguay

Foreign Minister Valdez

West Germany

President Carstens

Chancellor Schmidt

Foreign Minister Genscher



Riyadh will express its regrets through private channels.

Saudi media have limited coverage of the assassination to brief factual statements except for one sympathetic editorial in an English-language newspaper that probably reflects the views of the leadership. It credited Sadat with doing "all that was humanly possible for peace" but said that he was let down by the US and Israel.

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